

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US04/43139

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : C12N 15/09, 15/64
US CL : 435/91.4, 320.1

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/91.4, 320.1

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5,238,834 (PRUITT et al) 24 August 1993 (24.08.1993), column 4, lines 13-67, column 5, lines 1-67, column 6, lines 1-17, column 7, lines 5-46.	1-8, 10, 17-20
A	US 5,478,731 A (SHORT, JM) 26 December 1995 (26.12.1995), column 2, lines 45-52, column 5, lines 21-67, column 6, lines 1-8, column 8, lines 62-67, column 13, lines 37-41, column 16, lines 54-67, column 17, lines 1-21, column 19, lines 50-67, column 20, lines 1-17, column 23, lines 32-37.	1-8, 10, 17-20
A	Siegal et al. Useful Properties of restriction enzymes that recognize interrupted palindromes. Biotechniques, 1996, volume 21, pages 19-22, especially pages 19-20.	1-8

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

See patent family annex.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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3. Claims Nos.: 9 and 11-16 because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

EAST, MEDLINE, EMBASE, BIOSIS, CAPLUS

Search Terms: polynucleotide, DNA , nucleic acid, asymmetric, BstXI, artificial chromosome, YAC, BAC, MAC, CCANNNNNNTGG, fragments, generate, ligate, restriction endonuclease, restriction enzyme